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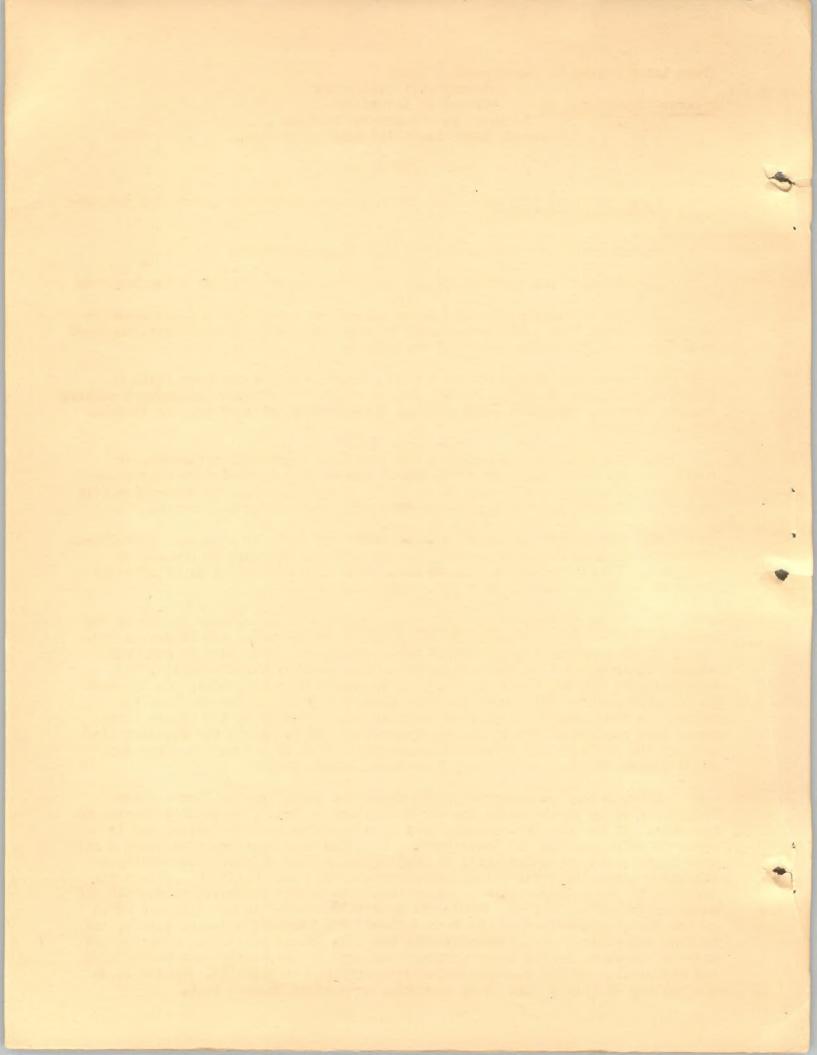
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Scope of Presentation .-- The following considerations govern the presentation of this progress report:

- 1. The data are confined to the area indicated above.
- 2. The data are confined solely to crops, livestock needs being ignored.
- 3. The findings apply only to occasional or seasonal labor requirements as distinguished from labor contributed by farm operators and by workers employed on a year-round or regular basis of employment.
- 4. Attention is concentrated upon workers required for hand tasks -planting, thinning, weeding, hoeing, and harvesting -- without including teamsters
 tractor drivers, irrigators, hay balers, threshermen, and shed packers of vegetables or fruits.
- 5. The presentation includes the so-called migratory, transient, or roving workers which comprise an important source of help needed in connection with certain tasks and at "peak" times which seasonally arise in connection with many field, truck, and fruit crops commercially produced in California.
- 6. This report is confined to California's need for seasonal agricultural workers because of the more pressing problems liable to arise in connection therewith. A later study is planned which will deal with other kinds of labor involved in the production of California's many crops.

Brief Description of the Area Under Review. -- Santa Clara is one of the central counties of California, lying at the southern end of San Francisco Bay, its northern boundary being about 30 miles southeast of the city of San Francisco. It is bounded on the west by Santa Cruz and San Mateo counties, the dividing line running along the crest of the Santa Cruz Mountains. On the east it joins Stanislaus and Merced counties along the ridge of the Mt. Hamilton range. On the south it is divided from San Benito County by the Pajaro River, and a line running easterly into the mountains. On the north the boundary line crosses the southern tip of San Francisco Bay. West of the Bay it joins San Mateo County and east of the Bay it borders Alameda County.

Between the two mountain ranges mentioned above lies the Santa Clara Valley, which is world famous for its production of fruit, especially prunes and apricots. It extends in a souteasterly direction for about 50 miles, and is about 12 miles wide in the lower portion near San Jose, narrowing to about 1 mile near Coyote, and expanding again to about 6 miles near Gilroy. This valley is all under intensive cultivation, and comprises the most important agricultural district in the county. Prunes and apricots are raised generally throughout the whole length of the valley. Pears are grown extensively in the district north of San Jose, as are most of the apples also. Raspberries, spinach, celery, and various other crops occupy considerable acreages around San Jose. Cherries and walnuts are found mostly in the nortwestern part of the county near Santa Clara and Sunnyvale. Spring peas are grown extensively near Milpitas, especially on the rolling and hilly land to an elevation of several hundred feet.

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Crop land harvested 175,750 acros
Crop failure 1,206 acros
Crop land idle or fallow 7,035 acros
Plowable pasture 34,276 acros
Total land available for crops 218,267 acros

Crop acreages in 1935 are estimated to have been as follows:

Field crops 45,330 acres
Vegetable crops 19,097 acres
Fruits and berries 109,000 acres
Total 173,427 acres

The farming area in the Santa Clara Valley ranges in elevation from practically sea level near Alviso, to about 400 feet near Morgan Hill, being mostly unde 200 feet. Various soils are represented, six soil series being noted, and twelve or more soil types. The predominating textures are the heavier phases, ranging from loams and gravelly loams to clays and clay adobes, practically all 6 feet or more in depth.

Crops, Acreage, and Production. -- The basis used in calculating occasional or seasonal need for labor in addition to that furnished by farm operators and regularly employed workers appears as table 1.

TABLE 1

Basis for Calculating Seasonal Labor Requirements -- Santa Clara County

Crops	Acreages	Production
Field crops:	PER INCHAS	
Grain wheat	609	10,971 bushels
oats	408	9,801 bushels
barley	5,303	80,771 bushels
Garlio †	415	20,750 hundrodweight
Hay alfalfa	6,699	27,252 tons
grain	22,728	27,783 tons
other hay	6,825	8,607 tons
Potatoes (Irish)	257	25,353 bushels
Sugar beets	2,086	24,730 tons
Vegetable crops: 1	2001	3 800 +
String beans market spring	200)	1,800 tons
fall	460	2,180 tons
Cabbage	100	2,100 cons
Cauliflower (fall and winter 500)	650	130,000 crates
(spring 150)		201,120 02400
Celery (fall and winter 800)	1,000	400,000 crates
(summer 200)		
Cucumbers pickling	265	1,855 tons

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Lettuce (spring 100) (fall 100)	200	-
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Peppers bell	300	120,000 crates (60 to 80 pounds)
Spinach canning	3,109	15,545 tons
Strawberries+	285	228,000 crates
Tomatoes market	100	15,000 lugs
canning	8,028	40.140 tons
Fruit crops: +		
Almonds	223	
Apples	843	8,430 tons
Apricots	18,191	42,000 tons
Cherries	2,077	2,000 tons canned
		2,000 tons shipped
Grapes (wine varieties)	6,639	13,278 tons
Peaches clingstone	363	1,500 tons
freestone	1,062	4,248 tons
Pears 9 Bartlett	4,956	24,000 tons cannod
		375 tons dried
		(dry woight)
other varieties	2,443	350,000 boxes of 50 pounds net
Plums	1,575 ₦	300 tons (mostly noncommercial
Prunes	64,372	93,000 tons (dried weight)
Walnuts	5,385	1,775 tons
Raspberries	700 11	700,000 crates
Bushberries	1 125 //	
		e not yet available, but will be
included later, w	hen this repor	t is revised.)

- * Acreage and production of field crops, except garlic and sugar beets, are from the 1935 Census, for the crop year 1934. No data are available for 1935.
- † The acreage of vegetable crops, garlic, and strawberries is from the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service, Sacramento. Production is estimated from average yields. Of the strawberry acreage, about 200 acres are bearing. Yield estimated at 1,200 crates per acre on two-thirds of acreage.
- * Acreage of fruit crops is from L. R. Cody, Agricultural Commissioner of Santa Clara County. Production is estimated from average yields, in most cases.
 - Pear production estimated as follows:

350,000 boxes shipped, average 50 pounds
375 tons (dry weight) dried

Tomage canned

Total pear production

3,750 tons
1,875 tons green
24,000 tons

34,625 tons

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Operations Requiring Use of Seasonal Labor and Time of Need. -- Farm operations requiring the use of seasonal or occasional labor for the various crops raised in Santa Clara County are indicated in table 2. This tabulation does not include the employing of shed workers needed to wash, pack, and prepare various commodities for shipping and marketing.

TABLE 2

Operations Requiring Use of Seasonal Labor and Times of Needs by Crops -- Santa Clara County

Crop Operation		Time of need			
Field crops:	Planting	December 75 per cent of acreage January 25 per cent of acreage			
	Hoeing (first time) (second time)	February 25 per cent of acreage March 75 per cent of acreage April 50 per cent of acreage May 50 per cent of acreage			
	Pulling and piling	June 25 per cent of acreage August 75 per cent of acreage			
	Topping and sacking	June 20 per cent of crop August 80 per cent of crop			
Grain (wheat, barley, oats)	Harvesting with "com- bine" 50 per cent by season- al workers	June 20-30 20 per cent of a creage July 1-31 60 per cent of acreage August 1-20 20 per cent of acreage			
Hay, alfalfa	Hay, alfalfa use of seasonal labor inconsequential and hence ignored.				
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	Raking 50 per cent by seasonal workers	April 20-30 15 per cent of acreage May 1-31 75 per cent of acreage June 1-15 10 per cent of acreage			
	Shocking 50 per cent by seasonal workers	April 10 per cent of acreage May 75 per cent of acreage June 15 per cent of acreage			
	Trimming 50 per cent by seasonal workers	April 10 per cent of acreage May 75 per cent of acreage June 15 per cent of acreage			
	Baling 75 per cent of crop	June 37 per cent of tonnage July 37 per cent of tonnage			
Sugar beets	Thinning	February 17 per cent of acreage			

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Field crops: Sugar beets (cont.)	Thinning	March 31 per cent of acreage April 40 per cent of acreage May 8 per cent of acreage June 4 per cent of acreage
	Hoeing	April one-third of acreage May one-third of acreage June one-third of acreage
	Topping and loading	August 20 per cent of crop September 40 per cent of crop October 40 per cent of crop
Vegetable crops: Beans, string	Hoeing 25 per cent by seasonal workers	May 33 per cent of acreage June 33 per cent of acreage July 33 per cent of acreage
	Setting poles Picking	May 90 per cent of acreage May 2 per cent of crop June 13 per cent of crop July 20 per cent of crop August 35 per cent of crop September 20 per cent of crop October 10 per cent of crop
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Cauliflower	Cutting and hauling to edge of field 50 per cent by seasonal workers	November 5 per cent of crop December 10 per cent of crop January 50 per cent of crop February 30 per cent of crop March 5 per cent of crop
	Packing	November 5 per cent of crop December 10 per cent of crop January 50 per cent of crop February 30 per cent of crop March 5 per cent of crop
Celery	Planting*	June 15-30 20 per cent of acreage July 1-31 40 per cent of acreage August 1-15 20 per cent of acreage (Balance scattering and inconsequential
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	Cutting, trimming, and throwing in crates	June 5 per cent of crop July 5 per cent of crop October 10 per cent of crop November 40 per cent of crop December 30 per cent of crop
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Peas	Hoeing	March 35 per cent of acreage August 65 per cent of acreage
	Picking †	March 1/2 per cent of crop April 20 per cent of crop May 9 per cent of crop June 5 per cent of crop August 1/2 per cent of crop September 28 per cent of crop October 36 per cent of crop November 1 per cent of crop
Peppers, bell	Planting in field 50 per cent by seasonal workers	May 50 per cent of acreage June 50 per cent of acreage
	Picking	July 10 per cent of crop August 15 per cent of crop September 35 per cent of crop October 40 per cent of crop
Spinach	Picking up and putting in crates	March 20-31 50 per cent of crop April 1-15 50 per cent of crop
Strawberries	Picking (1935 season)	April 15-30 2 per cent of crop May 55 per cent of crop June 20 per cent of crop July 11 per cent of crop August 8 per cent of crop September 3 per cent of crop
Tomatoes	Transplanting in beds	March
	Setting plants in field	April 15-30 50 per cent of acreage May 1-15 50 per cent of acreage
	Replanting	April 21-30 25 per cent of acreage May 1-21 75 per cent of acreage
	Hoeing (average once)	May one-third of acreage June one-third of acreage Table 2 continued on next page.

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	Thinning	May 50 per cent of acreage June 50 per cent of acreage
	Picking	August 40 per cent of crop September 40 per cent of crop October 20 per cent of crop
Apricots	Pruning 75 per cent by seasonal workers	September 10 per cent of acreage October 25 per cent of acreage November 25 per cent of acreage December 25 per cent of acreage January 15 per cent of acreage
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	Picking	July 80 per cent of crop August 20 per cent of crop
	Cutting for drying 50 per cent of crop	July 80 per cent of tonnage dried August 20 per cent of tonnage dried
	Other labor in dry yard	July 75 per cent of job August 25 per cent of job
Cherries	Picking	May 5-31 33 per cent of crop June 1-15 66 per cent of crop
Grapes. (wine varieties)	Pruning 50 per cent by seasonal workers	December one-third of acreage January one-third of acreage February one-third of acreage
	Hoeing and suckering	April 50 per cent of acreage May 50 per cent of acreage

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		Picking	October 10-31 50 per cent of crop November 1-18 50 per cent of crop		
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		Picking	July 10 per cent of crop August 50 per cent of crop September 30 per cent of crop October 1-15 5 per cent of crop		
		Cutting for drying	August 75 per cent of tonnage dried September 25 per cent of tonnage dried		
		Other dry-yard labor	August 50 per cent of crop Septembor 50 per cent of crop		
	Plums	Picking	July all of crop		
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		Brush disposal	October 6 per cent of acreage		
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Fruit crops: Prunes (cont.)	Brush disposal	November 12 per cent of acreage December 12 per cent of acreage January 12 per cent of acreage February 12 per cent of acreage March 1-15 6 per cent of acreage
	Irrigating 50 per cent by seasonal workers (about 75 per cent of total acreage is irrigated)	May 37.5 per cent of acreage June 37.5 per cent of acreage October 45 per cent of acreage
	Picking up	August 10-31 30 per cent of crop September 1-30 60 per cent of crop October 1-7 10 per cent of crop
	Drying in sun (80 per cent of crop) in dehydrators (20 per cent of crop)	August 10-31 30 por cent of crop September 1-30 60 per cent of crop October 1-7 10 per cent of crop
Walnuts	Knocking, picking up, and hulling 50 per cent of crop	September 15-30 15 per cent of job October 65 per cent of job November 20 per cent of job
	Knocking and picking up 50 per cent of crop	September 15-30 15 per cent of job October 65 per cent of job November 20 per cent of job
	Hulling by machine 50 per cent of crop	September 15-30 15 per cent of job October 65 per cent of job November 20 per cent of job
Raspberries	Picking	April 15-30 1 per cent of crop May 8 per cent of crop spring peak June 40 per cent of crop July 20 per cent of crop August 15 por cent of crop September 11 per cent of crop fall October 1-15 7 per cent of crop

^{*} Celery is produced in practically every month, but amount in most months is small and has been ignored here.

Findings of Seasonal Labor Needs. -- Details and summaries of seasonal labor requirements of Santa Clara County agriculture are presented as table 3. The "size of task" are figures drawn from table 1 in terms of either acreage or output in tons, crates, boxes, or whatever unit is commonly used. The "output per man-day" is an average figure for the entire acreage or output figured in packed crates, hampers, or boxes (in case of fruits and vegetables). If the work is of a nature that requires a crew different members of which perform different tasks (such as cutting, trimming, loading, and hauling cauliflower; trimming and crating celery, etc.), then the average shown is per man based on the entire crew. Length of day is 9 hours, November to February; 10 hours, March to October, unless otherwise

[†] Based on 1935 crop season, which was about two weeks later than usual.

[†] Apricot thinning in 1935 was light, possibly 30 per cent of normal. About 50 per cent of thinning is done by "poling" -- balance by hand.

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stated. Wide variations in output occur between farm and farm, field and field, and season and season, because of differences in soil types, climatic conditions, weeds, yields, and other factors influencing the amount of work that a laborer can perform in a given day. Moreover, the basis of output is a mature, experienced male worker, without reference to use of women, children, and more or less inexperienced help that is sometimes used in connection with certain of the tasks requiring use of seasonal workers. The column headed "available days" reflects (a) limitations set from the period within which the work must be performed because of the nature of the task, such as transplanting, thinning, weeding, and cutting, and (b) available days as determined by weather conditions, inclement weather reducing the number of days when a required task can be performed. The "required number of individuals" is given in terms of workers as noted above in connection with "butput per man-day."

It is probable that the estimated number of workers required, as recorded in table 3, will often be too low, for the reason that "peaks" frequently occur, during which an unusually large proportion of the job is done in a very short period. This would naturally require a much greater number of workers than when the work is spread over a longer period, even though the total amount of labor (in man-days) remains the same.

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TABLE 3

Seasonal Labor Needs -- Santa Clara County -- by Months and Tasks

Month	Crop and task	Size of task	Output per man-day	Required man-days	Available days	Required number of workers*
January	Garlic: Planting Cauliflower: Cutting and packing Packing Apples: Pruning Apricots: Pruning Spraying Grapes: Pruning Peaches: Pruning Pears: Pruning Pears: Pruning (including brush disposal) Prunes: Pruning Disposing of brush	104 acres 32,500 crates† 65,000 crates 106 acres† 2,047 acres† 6,064 acres† 1,107 acres† 427 acres 986 acres† 5,795 acres+ 5,795 acres+	0.17 acre 70 crates 125 crates 0.5 acre 0.25 acre 2 acres 0.75 acre 0.25 acre 0.25 acre 0.25 acre 2.5 acres	624 465 520 212 8,188 3,032 1,475 1,708	19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19	33 25 28 11 431 160 78 90 260 915
February	Totals Garlic: Hoeing (first time)	104 acres	0.5 acre	40,85 7 208	19 22	2,151 man-months
	Sugar beets: Thinning Cauliflower: Cutting Packing Apples: Pruning Apricots: Spraying	355 acres 19,500 crates [†] 39,000 crates 106 acres [†] 12,128 acres [†]	0.5 acre 70 crates 125 crates 0.5 acre 2 acres	710 279 312 212 6,064	22 22 22 22 22 22	33 13 15 10 275 67
	Grapes: Pruning Peaches: Pruning Pears: Pruning Prunes: Pruning Disposing of brush	1,107 acrest 285 acres 986 acrest 5,795 acrest 5,795 acrest	0.75 acre 0.25 acre 0.2 acre 0.33 acre 2.5 acres	1,475 1,140 4,930 17,385 2,318	22 22 22 22 22	57 52 225 791 106
	Totals			35,033	22	1,593 man-months
March	Garlic: Hoeing (first time) Sugar beets: Thinning Cauliflower: Cutting Packing Peas: Hoeing Picking Spinach: Harvesting	312 acres 647 acres 3,250 crates† 6,500 crates 2,000 acres 2,100 hampers 7,773 tons	0.5 acre 0.5 acre 70 crates 125 crates 1 acre 10 hampers 2 tons (per 6-hour	624 1,294 47 52 2,000 210 3,887 (of 6 hours)	22 22 10 10 22 3 10	29 59 5 (for 10 days 5 (for 10 days 91 70 (for 3 days) 389 (20th-31st)

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	musual outing in bodo	9,753,000 plants	4.000 plants	2,439	22	111
March	Tomatoes: Transplanting in beds	53 acres †	0.5 acre	106	11	10 (1st-15th)
(cont.)	Apples: Pruning	494 acrest	0.2 acre	2,470	11	224 (1st-15th)
	Pears: Pruning	2,900 acrest	0.33 acre	8,700	11	791 (1st-15th)
	Prunes: Pruning Disposing of brush	2.900 acrest	2.5 acres	1.180	31	103 (1st-15th)
	Totals			22,989	22	1,045 man-months
April	Garlic: Hoeing second time	208 acres	1 acre	208	23	9
ubitt	Hay: Mowing	2,217 acrest	10 acres	222	8	28 (20th-30th
	Raking	2,217 acres+	20 acres	111	8	14 (20th-30th
	Shocking	1.478 acrest	30 acres	50	5	10 (25th-30th
	Trimming	1,478 acrest	10 acres	148	5	30 (25th-30th
	Sugar beets: Thinning	835 acres	0.5 acre	1,670	23	73
	Hoeing	695 acres	1.0 acre	695	23	51
	Peas: Picking	84.000 hampers	10 hampers	8,400	23	366
	Spinach: Harvesting	7,773 tons	2 tons (per 6-hour	3,887	12	324 (1st-15th)
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	Tomatoes: Setting plants in field	4,064 acres	0.75 scre	5,419	12	452 (15th-30th
	Replanting	2,032 acres		680	6	114 (21st-30th
	Apricots: Thinning by hand	4,092 acrest	0.25 acre)	7,366 +	12	614 ₹ (15th → 31st
•	Thinning by poling	4,092 acrest	0.5 acre)			
	Grapes: Suckering and hoeing	3,320 acres	1.5 acres	2,216	23	97
	Raspberries: Picking (mostly by					
	regular employees this month)		7 crates	-		(15th-30th
	Strawberries: Picking (mostly by					
	regular employees this month)		10 crates		12	(15th-30th
	Totals			31,072	23	1,351 man-months
May	Garlic: Hoeing (second time)	208 acres	1 acre	208	25	9
	Hay: Mowing	11,083 acres t	10 acres	1,108	25	44
	Raking	11,083 acres+	20 acres	554	25	22
	Shocking	11,083 acres+	30 acres	370	25	15
	Trimming	11.083 acres+	10 acres	1,108	25	44
	Sugar beets: Thinning	167 acres	0.5 acre	334	25	14
	Hoeing	695 acres	1 acre	695	25	28
	Beans (string): Hoeing	72 acres t	0.25 acre	288	25	12

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Month	Crop and task	Size of task	Outnut non min dos		Available	Required number
Month	Grop and task	Size of task	Output per man-day	man-days	days	of workers*
May	Beans (string): Setting poles	774 acres	0.25 acre	3,096	25	124
(cont.)	Picking	80 tons	0.17 ton	480	10	48 (for 10 days)
	Peas: Picking	37,800 hampers	10 hampers	3,780	25	152
	Peppers: Planting in field	75 acres T	0.25 acre	300	25	12
	Tomatoes: Planting	4,064 acres	0.75 acre	5,419	13	417 (1st-15th)
	Replanting	6,096 acres	in-	. 2,024	18	113 (1st-21st)
	Hoeing	2,709 acres	1 acre	2,709	25	109
	Apples: Thinning	422 acres	0.25 acre	1,688	13	130 (15th-31st)
1	Apricots: Thinning by hand	4,092 acrest	0.25 acre)	7,366 ‡	12	614 [†] (1st-15th)
	Thinning by poling	4,092 acrest	0.50 acres)			
	Cherries: Picking	1,334 tons	200 pounds	13,340	23	580 (5th-31st)
	Grapes: Suckering and hoeing	3,320 acres	1.5 acres	2,216	25	89
	Peaches: Thinning	1,425 acres	0.14 acre	9,975	25	400
	Prunes: Irrigating	12,070 acrest	2.5 acres	4,828	25	194
	Raspberries: Picking	56,000 crates	7 crates (of 12	8,000	25	320
			2-pint baskets)			
	Strawberries: Picking (80 per					
	cent by seasonal workers)	100,320 crates†	15 crates	6,688	25	268
	Totals			76,574	25	3,063 man-months
June	Garlic: Pulling and piling	104 acres	1 acre	104	26	4
	Topping and sacking	4,150 cwt.	15 cwt.	277	26	11
	Grain: Harvesting with "combine"	632 acrest	4 acres (per 7-hour	1	10	16 (20th-30th)
		000 001001	day)	7 hours)	10	10 (2011-3011)
	Hay: Mowing	1,478 acres +	10 acres	148	6	25 (1st-7th)
	Raking	1,478 acres +	20 acres	74	6	12 (1st-7th)
	Shocking	2.217 acrest	30 acres	74	6	12 (1st-7th)
	Trimming	2,217 acres†	10 acres	222	6	38
	Baling	13,650 tons	5 tons (per 14-hour			105
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	Sugar beets: Thinning	84 acres	0.5 acre	14 hours)	10	17 (for 10 days)
	Hoeing	695 acres	1.0 acre	695	26	27 (10r 10 days)
	Beans (string): Hoeing	72 acres	0.25 acre	288	26	12
	Picking	517 tons	0.17 ton	3,102	26	120
	Celery: Planting	200 acres	0.17 ton	1,200	13	
	Cutting	20,000 crates	25 crates	800	26	93 (15th-30th)
	Peas: Picking	21,000 hampers	10 hampers	2,100	26	81
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Month	Crop and task	Size of task	Output per man-day		days	of workers*
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June	Peppers (bell): Planting in field	75 acrest	0.25 acre	300	26	12
(cont.)	Strawberries: Picking (80 per		3.5	0 420	26	94
	cent by seasonal workers)	36,480 crates†	15 crates	2,432	26	105
	Tomatoes: Hoeing	2,709 acres	1 acre 0.25 acre	1,688	13	130 (1st-15th)
	Apples: Thinning	422 acres 2,666 tons	200 pounds	26,660	13	2,051 (lst-15th)
	Cherries: Picking	250 acres +	2 acres	125	26	5
	Grapes: Tying vines	12.070 acres+	2.5 acres	4,828	26	186
	Prunes: Irrigating	280,000 crates	7 crates (of 12	40,000	26	1,539
	Raspberries: Picking	200,000 01000	-pint baskets)	20,000		
	Totals			90,882	26	3,496 man-months
July	Grain: Harvesting by combine	1,896 acres†	4 acres (per 7-hour	474 (of	26	18
July	Grain. harvesting by combine	2,000 00100	day)	7 hours)		
	Hay: Baling	13,650 tons	5 tons (per 14-	2,730 (of	26	105
	may . Don't ing		hour day)	14 hours)		
	Beans (string): Hoeing	72 acrest	0.25 acre	288	26	12
	Picking	796 tons	0.17 ton	4,776	26	184
	Celery: Planting	400 acres	0.17 acre	2,400	26	93
	Hoeing	270 acres	3.3 hours per acre	90	26	4
	Fertilizing	400 acrest	1 acre	400	26	16
	Cutting	20,000 crates	25 crates	800	26	31
	Cucumbers: Picking	278 tons +	700 pounds	795	26	314
	Peppers (bell): Picking	12,000 crates	20 crates	600	18	34 (7th-31st)
	Tomatoes: Hoeing	2,709 acres	1 acre	2,709	26	105
	Apricots: Picking	33,600 tons	1,000 pounds	67,200	26	2,585
	Cutting for drying	16,800 tons	700 pounds	48,000	26	1,847
	Other labor in dry yard	75 per cent	11 hours per fresh	17,325	26	667
	a main and a	of job 250 acrest	ton \$	125	26	5
	Grapes: Tying vines	3.320 acrest	3 acres (per 3-	1,107 (of		43
	Sulfuring	3,320 acrest	hour day)	3 hours)		
	Pears: Picking	3,463 tons	0.75 ton	4,618	13	356 (15th-31st)
	Plums: Picking	300 tons	1.000 pounds	600	26	24

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July	Strawberries: Picking (50 per				,	
(cont.)	cent by seasonal workers)	12.540 crates +	15 crates	836	26	33
(001100)	Raspberries: Picking	140,000 crates	7 crates	20,000	26	770
	Totals			175,873	26	6,765 man-months
		312 acres	1 acre	312	25	13
August	Garlic: Pulling and piling	16,600 cwt.	1,500 pounds	1,107	25	45
	Topping and sacking	632 acres	4 acres (per 7-	158 (of		9 (1st-20th)
	Grain: Harvesting by "combine"	osz acres i	hour day)	7 hours)	10	0 (200 0000)
		4,946 tons	6 tons	825	25	33
	Sugar beets: Topping and loading	1 -	0.17 ton	8,358	25	335
	Beans (string): Picking	1,393 tons		1,200	13	93 (1st-15th)
	Celery: Planting	200 acres	0.17 acre	90	25	4
	Hoeing	270 acres	3.3 hours per acre	400	25	16
	Fertilizing	400 acrest	1 acre		•	43 A
	Cucumbers: Picking	370 tonst	700 pounds	1,058	25	
	Peas: Hoeing	2,200 acres	1 acre	2,200	25	88
1	Picking	2,100 hampers	10 hampers	210	3	70 (for 3 days)
	Peppers (bell): Picking	18,000 crates	20 crates	900	25	36
	Apples: Picking	3,372 tons .	2,200 pounds	3,066	25	123
	Apricots: Picking	8,400 tons	1,000 pounds	16,800	13	1,293 (1st-15th)
	Cutting for drying	4,200 tons	700 pounds	12,000	13	923 (1st-15th)
	Other dry yard lebor	25 per cent	11 hours per fresh	5,775	18	321 (1st-21st)
		of job	ton 6			
	Peaches (clingstone varieties):					
	Picking	1,500 tons	1,500 pounds	2,000	25	80
	Pears: Picking	17,313 tons	0.75 ton .	22,084	25	884
	Cutting for drying	1,406 tons	1,000 pounds	2,812	25	113
	Other labor in dry yard	50 per cent	26½ hours per	2,485	25	100
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	Prunes: Picking up	27,900 tons	2.000pounds	27,900	20	1,395 (10th-31st)
	Drying	27,900 tons	8.3 hours per	23,157	20	1,158 (10th-31st)
	DI J ING	27,000 00110	fresh ton	,		
	Raspberries: Picking	91,000 crates	7 crates	13,000	25	520
	Strawberries: Picking (50 per	J., 000 01 000	. 01000	20,000		
	cent by seasonal workers)	9,120 cratest	10 crates	912	25	37
		3,120 Craces	10 010000		25	5,953 man-months
	Totals			148,809	20	5,955 man-months

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				Required	Available	Required number
Month	Crop and task	Size of task	Output per man-day	man-days	days	of workers*
September		9,982 tons	6 tons	1,649	26	64
1	Beans (string): Picking	796 tons	0.17 tons	4,776	26	184
	Celery: Hoeing	270 acres	3.3 hours per acre	90	26	4
	Fertilizing	400 acrest	1.0 acre	400	26	16
	Cucumbers: Picking	278 tons+	700 pounds	795	26	31 ¶
	Peas: Picking	117,600 hampers	10 hampers	11,760	26	453
	Peppers (bell): Picking	42,000 crates	20 crates	2,100	26	81
	Tomatoes: Picking for cannery	16,056 tons	2,500 pounds	12,845	26	494
	Picking for market and ship-					
	ping	5,000 lugs	30 lugs	167	13	14 (for 13 days)
	Apples: Picking	3,372 tons	2,200 pounds	3,066	26	118
	Apricots: Pruning	1,365 acrest	0.25 acre	5,460	13	420 (15th-30th)
	Pears: Picking	10,388 tons	0.75 ton	13,851	26	533
	Cutting for drying	469 tons	1,000 pounds	938	8	118 (1st-10th)
	Other labor in dry yards	50 per cent	26 hours per	2,485	26	96
		of job	fresh ton 6			
	Prunes: Picking up	55,800 tons	2,000 pounds	55,800	26	2,146
	Drying	55,800 tons	8.3 hours per	46,314	26	1,782
			fresh ton \$	10,011		2,100
	Walnuts: Knocking, picking up		1.001.001.			
	and hulling by hand	133 tons	200 pounds	1,330	13	103 (15th-30th)
	Knocking and picking up	133 tons	333 pounds	798	13	(15th-30th)
	Hulling by machine (by	200 00115	ooo pounds	, 50	10	(13011-30011)
	regular help)	t	2.5 tons	1	>	(15th-30th)
	Raspberries: Picking	77,000 crates	7 crates	11,000	26	423
	Strawberries: Picking (mostly by:	ri,000 drates	i crates	11,000	20	423
	regular employees this month)					
	Totals			175,624	26	6,755 man-months
October	Sugar beets: Topping and loading	9,892 tons	6 tons	1,649	24	69
	Beans (string): Picking	398 tons	0.17 ton	2,388	24	100
	Celery: Cutting	40,000 crates.	25 crates	1,600	24	67
	Peas: Picking	151,200 hampers	10 hampers	15,120	24	630
	Peppers (bell): Picking	48,000 crates	20 crates	2,400	24	100
	Tomatoes: Picking for cannery	24,084 tons	2,500 pounds	19,268	24	803
	Picking for market and ship-	~4,004 00118	c, soo pounds	13,200	24	000
	ping	10,000 lugs	30 lugs	334	24	14
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Month	Crop and task	Size of task	Output per man-day	man-days	days	of workers*
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October	Apples: Picking	1,686 tons	2,200 pounds 0.25 acre	1,533 13,644	24	552
(cont.)	Apricots: Pruning	3,411 acrest	1 ton	6,639	16	415 (10th-31st)
	Grapes: Picking	6,639 tons	0.75 ton	2,308	12	193 (1st-15th)
	Pears: Picking	1,731 tons	0.75 ton	8,700	12	725 (15th-31st)
	Prunes: Pruning	2,900 acrest	2.5 acres	1,160	12	97 (15th-31st)
	Disposing of brush	2,900 acres T		9,300	7	1,330 (1st-7th)
	Picking up	9,300 tons	2,000 pounds 8.3 hours per	7,719	12	644 (1st-15th)
	Drying	9,300 tons	fresh ton 9	1,113	10	044 (180-10011)
	Irrigating	14,485 acrest	2.5 acres	5,794	24	242
	Walnuts: Harvesting and hulling	14,400 00100	200 000			
	by hand	577 tons	200 pounds	5,770	24	241
	Knocking and picking up by	OTT COME	Doo pounds			
	hand	577 tons	333 pounds	3,462	24	145
	Hulling by machine (by reg-		Post post			
	ular employees)	t	2.5 tons	90.100		
	Raspberries: Picking	49,000 crates	7 crates	7,000	24	292
	Totals			115,788	24	4,825 man-months
November	Cauliflower: Cutting	3,250 crates t	70 crates	47	10	5 (for 10 days)
NO VOIDO 2	Packing	6,500 crates	125 crates	52	10	5 (for 10 days)
	Celery: Cutting, trimming, and	0,000 0.000	2.00			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	putting in crates	160,000 crates	25 crates	6,400	24	267
	Peas: Picking	4,200 hampers	10 hampers	420	5	84 (for 5 days)
	Apples: Pruning	53 acres †	0.5 acre	106	12	9 (15th-30th)
	Apricots: Pruning	3,41 acres +	0.25 acre	13,644	24	552
	Grapes: Picking	6,639 tons	1 ton	6,639	15	442 (1st-18th)
	Peaches: Pruning	427 acres	0.25 acre	1,708	24	72
	Pears: Pruning	986 acres +	0.2 acre	4,930	24	206
	Prunes: Pruning	5,795 acres t	0.33 acre	17,385	24	725
	Disposing of brush	5,795 acrest	2.5 acre	2,318	24	97
	Walnuts: Harvesting and hulling					
	by hand	178 tons	200 pounds	1,780	24	75
	Knocking and picking up by		•			
	hand	178 tons	333 pounds	1,068	24	45
	Hulling by machine (by					
	regular employees)		2.5 tons			par one

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Month	Crop and task	Size of task	Output per man-day	Required man-days	Available days	Required number of workers*
November	Totals			56,497	24	2,355 man-months
(cont.)				3 000	00	0.4
December	Garlic: Planting	312 acres	0.17 acre	1,872	20	94
	Cauliflower: Cutting	6,500 crates†	70 crates	93	20	5
	Packing	13,000 crates	125 crates	104	20	6
	Celery: Cutting, trimming, and					
	putting in crates	120,000 crates	25 crates	4,800	20	240
	Apples; Pruning	106 acrest	0.5 acre	212	20	11
	Apricots: Pruning	3,411 acrest	0.25 acre	13,644	20	-683
		6,064 acrest	2 acres	3,032	20	152
	Spraying	1,107 acres	0.75 acre	1,475	20	74
	Grapes: Pruning		0.25 acre	1,708	20	86
	Peaches: Pruning	427 acres			20	247
	Pears: Pruning	986 acres T	0.2 acre	4,930		
	Prunes: Pruning	5,795 acres	0.33 acres	17,385	20	870
	Disposing of brush	5,795 acres T	2.5 acres	2,318	20	116
	Totals			51,573	20	2,579 man-months

^{*} On a monthly basis unless otherwise stated.

⁺ Estimated portion of job done by seasonal workers.

[#] Apricot thinning in 1935 was very light. Figure represents 1935 conditions, estimated at 30 per cent of normal.

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Summary of Seasonal Labor Needs by Months
Santa Clara County
1935

Month	Required man-days of seasonal labor	Available work days	Required man-months of seasonal labor	
January	40,857	19	2,151	
February	35,033	22	1,593	
March	22,989	22	1,045	
April	31,072	23	1,351	
May	76,574	25	3,063	
June	90,882	26	3,496	
July	175,873	26	6,765	
August	148,809	25	5,953	
September	175,624	26	6,755	
October	115,788	24	4,825	
November	56,497	24	2,355	
December	51,573	20	2,579	
Total	1,021,571		41,931	

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